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The following is a summary of information on Soviet-occupied airfields and air activities received prior to 15 September 1955:

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General:

There was little air activity by units of the 24th Air Army, presumably because of unfavorable weather. There was no change in the OB of air-force

Aircraft Count:

Rechlin-Lagra:

53 MiG-15's & MiG-17's, and three IL-28's on 1 September

Brandenburg-Industriehafen: Stendal:

30 II-10's on 5 September

Werneuchen: Oranienburg: Gross Doelln: 30 II-10's (approximately) on 31 August 35 II-28's (approximately) on 2 September 32 IL-28's on 5 September

Neuruppin:

25 IL-28's on 2 September No aircraft on 6 September

Air Activity:

- a. In late August, flights in squadron strength were repeatedly practiced over the Wittstock Airfield for periods of approximately 30 minutes.
- b. In early September, MiG-15's from the Brandenburg-Briest Ground-attack Regiment practiced flying in squadron strength.
- c. Between 24 and 26 August, the Doeberitz Ground-attack Regiment, employing II-10's, was in an alert status. Approximately 20 trucks, as well as soldiers with baggage, were preparing to leave. I
- d. The Neuruppin Fighter Regiment did not return to their home field until 6 September. Approximately 12 construction laborers worked with pneumatic

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hammers and street rollers on the middle section of the Neuruppin runway.2

e. Between 6:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on 27 August, groups of five men made many parachute jumps from three LI-2's over the Schoenewalde Airfield.

4. Shipments:

- a. The following rail fuel shipments were made from Boehlen to the following airfields: 13 tank cars to Neuruppin on 26 August and 14 tank cars to Oranienburg on 3 September.
- b. On 30 August, approximately 60 crates, measuring 2 x 2 x 2 meters, were unloaded by a crane from a train on the spur track at the Doeberits Airfield.4

5. Construction Projects:

On 7 September, it was learned that test concreting was started on the Allstedt (Querfurt) Airfield in the last week of August.5

6. Miscellaneous:

On 1 September, a group of approximately 150 trainees left the Doeberits Technical School. It was observed that many boxes and suitcases were purchased in Doeberits.

Comments:

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- 1. This was probably an alert practice by the Regiment prior to their being employed in Army exercises.
- 2. The present location of the Neuruppin Fighter Regiment is unknown. Their absence made possible the repair work on the runway.
- 3. These were probably routine parachute jumps made by a unit stationed near the Schoenswalde Airfield.
- 4. Since the size of these crates is unusual, it is presumed that their size was overestimated. It is possible that these crates contained aircraft engines for the Doeberits Ground-attack Regiment, since there has repeatedly been an exchange of aircraft engines after every maneuver in previous years.
- 5. The concreting work, which was expected, has started in the mean time. Test concreting is usually done prior to the actual concrete work in order to determine the work quotas.
- 6. The training courses at the technical school of the 24th Air Army generally terminate in October.

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